

# Northern Middlesex County Cable Advisory Council

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Minutes of March 22<sup>th</sup> , 2016

Middletown Town Hall – Council Chamber Room

Present: John Shilke (M), Robin Goss (M), Marco Iacoviello (C), Bill Wilson (M), Gary Aubin (EH), Ken Measimer (EH), Jay Polke (C), Sue Bransfield (P)

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order at 7:01
2. Roll Call: names taken upon entering the room
3. Approval of the previous meeting minutes.
4. Approval of Agenda
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6. Public Speaking - None
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8. Treasurer's Report: Balance of 30,118.36 – No expenses.
9. Chairman's Report: Chairman not present....Vice Chair officiated the meeting.
10. Vice Chairman's Report: Customers complaining to members about the loss of YES channel and the fact that their bill didn't go down. John Bairos reports that Comcast is still in Negotiations with YES that there will most likely be NO agreement between COMCAST and YES. Been in negotiations since November, 2015. Board unanimously agreed that John and COMCAST keep negotiation for the good of the area customers.
11. John Bairos Report: Comcast will use a new/easier billing structure from now on to make the customer experience much easier and more understandable.
12. Kirsten gave handouts regarding PA Studio activities. Painting/Re-modeling has been finished at the studio....New equipment (edit software), TVs, etc. Workshops available to the public. Recommend producers update their opening/closing credits. Editing Suite training is available on a 1:1 basis...Call the studio for info
13. Customer complaints: Customers from Middletown still complaining about YES TV being removed from their access, but their bill hasn't gone down...In fact, it went up!!
14. Attendance/Bylaw/Veteran Report – Nothing to report on attendance. No updates or comments on the Bylaws. We are not getting too many responses from Veterans. Middletown seems to want a desktop computer. All in one..large screen would be nice. I will do some online investigation to send to the committee shortly. Cromwell Veterans would like a laptop (17"). I will also look online for some choices. Sue Bransfield will get back with Portland, Gary will get with East Hampton and Billy Wilson will talk to Middlefield regarding this issue.
15. Scholarship review – All paperwork was sent out to Guidance offices at all participating schools. Recommended that a flyer was created to send to the school newspaper editors for possible addition to their newspapers. Marco is taking care of that.....Advert created.....sent to all 5 town BOE offices for approval.....Haven't heard back from any of them as of 1/25/2016.

3/22/2016....No responses from anyone as far as application submission for the scholarship....I re-sent the application, press release and advertisement to all of the members and everyone has agreed to help with speaking with their respective schools.

16. No tabled items from January meeting

17. Good of the order – none

18. Adjournment at 7:51 pm.

Meetings for 2016: 5/16/16,7/18/16,9/19/16,11/21/16, 1/17/17 (Tuesday).